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HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL \$15,000,000
RESERVE FUNDS \$15,000,000
Sterling £15,000,000 \$15,000,000
Silver \$15,000,000 £15,000,000

RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS \$15,000,000

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LONDON BANKERS—LONDON COUNTY AND
WESTMINSTER BANK, LIMITED.

HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED:
On Current Account at the rate of 1 per cent.
per Annum on the daily balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS:

For 1 month, 1 per cent. per Annum.
For 6 months, 1 per cent. per Annum.
For 12 months, 1 per cent. per Annum.

J. R. M. SMITH,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 13th November, 1909. [10]

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA,
AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER, 1853.
HEAD OFFICE—LONDON.

PAID-UP CAPITAL £1,500,000
RESERVE FUND £1,575,000
RESERVE LIABILITIES OF PROPRIETORS £1,500,000

INTEREST ALLOWED ON CURRENT
ACCOUNT at the rate of 1 per cent. per
annum on the daily balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS for 1 month, 1 per cent.
6 " " 1 per cent.
3 " " 1 per cent.

WM. DICKSON,
Manager.

Hongkong, 5th April, 1909. [11]

YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK,
LIMITED.

CAPITAL PAID-UP Yen 24,000,000
RESERVE FUNDS 15,000,000

Head Office—YOKOHAMA

Branches and Agencies:
TOKIO, CHEFOO, TIENTSIN,
OSAKA, PEKIN, NEWCHWANG,
NAGASAKI, DALNY,
LONDON, PORT ARTHUR,
LYONS, ANTUNG,
NEW YORK, SAN FRANCISCO,
HONOLULU, LIOYANG,
BOMBAY, MUKDEN,
SHANGHAI, TIE-LING,
HANKOW, CHANG-CHUN.

HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED:
On Current Account at the rate of 1 per cent.
per Annum on the daily balance.
On fixed deposit—

For 1 month, 1 per cent.
6 " " 1 per cent.
3 " " 1 per cent.

TAKEO TAKAMICHI,
Manager.

Hongkong, 11th September, 1909. [12]

DEUTSCH ASIATISCHE BANK.

OPTICAL FULLY PAID-UP—Sh. Taels 7,500,000

HEAD OFFICE—SHANGHAI.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS: BERLIN.

BRANCHES:
Berlin, Calcutta, Hamburg, Hankow,
Kobe, Peking, Singapore, Tientsin,
Takao, Telngtan, Yokohama

FOUNDED BY THE FOLLOWING BANKS AND
BANKERS:

Koenigliche Staendebank (Preussische Staatsbank)
Direction der Diconto-Gesellschaft
Deutsche Bank
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Messrs. N. M. ROTHSCHILD & SONS,
THE UNION OF LONDON AND SMITH'S BANK
LIMITED,
DEUTSCHE BANK (BERLIN), LONDON AGENCY,
DIREKTION DER DIACONTO GESELLSCHAFT.

INTEREST allowed on Current Account.
DEPOSITS received on terms which may be
learned on application. Every description of
Banking and Exchange business transacted.

A. KORNH,

Manager.

Hongkong, 4th December, 1909. [13]

Banks

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE Business of the above Bank is conducted
by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be
obtained on application.

INTEREST on deposits is allowed at 3 per cent.
per annum.

Depositors may transfer at their option
balances of \$100 or more to the HONGKONG AND
SHANGHAI BANK to be placed on FIXED
DEPOSIT at 4 per cent. per annum.

For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION,
J. R. M. SMITH,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 12th January, 1909. [14]

INTERNATIONAL BANKING CORPORATION.

CAPITAL PAID UP GOLD \$2,500,000
RESERVE FUND GOLD \$2,500,000
—ABOUT MEK \$37,500,000

HEAD OFFICE:
60 WALL STREET, NEW YORK

LONDON OFFICE:
THREADNEEDLE HOUSE, E.C.

LONDON BANKERS:
BANK OF ENGLAND,
NATIONAL PROVINCIAL BANK OF
ENGLAND, LIMITED,
THE CAPITAL AND COUNTIES BANK, LTD.

BRANCHES AND AGENTS ALL OVER THE
WORLD.

THE Corporation transacts every Description
of Banking and Exchange Business,
receives Money in Current Account at the
rate of 2 per cent. on daily balances and
accepts Fixed Deposits at the following rates—

For 12 months, 4 per cent. per annum.
6 " " 3 per cent.
3 " " 2 per cent.

No. 9, Queen's Road Central,
Hongkong.
W. M. ANDERSON,
Manager.

Hongkong, 8th April, 1908. [15]

Intimations.

CHINA MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE
CO., LTD., OF SHANGHAI.

DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS:

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J. A. Wattie, Esq., Manager Director
A. J. Hughes, Esq., Secretary
S. B.Neill, F.I.A., Actuary.

A STRONG British Corporation Registered
under Hongkong Ordinances and under
Life Assurance Companies' Act, England.
Insurance in Force \$14,054,152.00
Assets 7,114,490.08
Income for Year 3,073,834.81
Total Security to Policyholders 7,885,852.53

LEFFERTS KNOX, Esq., Hongkong,
District Manager, Can on, Macao
B. W. TAPE, Esq., and the
District Secretary, Philippines.

ALEXANDRA BUILDING, HONGKONG.

Hongkong, 1st December, 1909. [16]

EXTRAORDINARY BARGAINS.

Come All! Don't miss
this chance of getting such
cheap things.

Everything reduced except
the Regal Shoes.

Now is the chance to get
things cheap!

At THE SAVOY,
13, Queen's Rd. Central.

Hongkong, 27th October, 1909. [17]

THE SAVOY, 13, Queen's Rd. Central.

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Mails.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

BREMEN.

IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINES.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
YOKOHAMA and KOBE	{ "PRINZ SIGISMUND"	About SATURDAY, Capt. D. Lede
11th Dec.		
NAPLES, GENOA, ALGIERS, OSMALIAK, SOUTHAMPTON, ANTWERP and BREMEN	{ "PRINZ LUDWIG"	WEDNESDAY, F. v. Bemer
		15th December, Noon.
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE	{ "BULOW"	About WEDNESDAY, Capt. F. Porsch
		15th December.
MANILA, YAP, NEW GUINEA, SAMARAI, BRISBANE, SYDNEY & MELBOURNE	{ "PRINZ SIGISMUND"	FRIDAY, Capt. D. Lede
		31st Dec., Daylight.
KUDAT and SANDAKAN	{ "BORNEO"	Middle of Capt. F. Sembill
		December.

For further particulars, apply to

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD,

MELCHERS & CO.,

GENERAL AGENTS, HONGKONG & CHINA.

Hongkong, 4th December, 1909.

MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

FRENCH MAIL LINES.

FORTNIGHTLY SERVICE TO and FROM EUROPE via SUEZ CANAL.
TO and FROM JAPAN via SHANGHAI.

FOR	STEAMERS	CAPTAINS	TO SAIL ON
SHANGHAI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA	POLYNESIA	Broc	6th Dec., P.M.
MARSEILLES, VIA PORTS	ERNEST SIMONS	Girard	7th Dec., at 1 P.M.
SHANGHAI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA	OCEANIA	Sellier	20th Dec., P.M.
MARSEILLES, VIA PORTS	TONKIN	Charbonnel	1st Dec., at 1 P.M.

Transhipment on the Co.'s Steamers at Singapore for Batavia; at Colombo for Calcutta, Cumbay and Australia; at Port Said for the Levant, Constantinople and Black Sea.

Through Tickets to London via Paris from £17.10 up to £71.10, 20 hours' railway from Marseilles to London.

Interceptors meet passengers at their arrival in Marseilles.

For further particulars, apply to

P. de CHAMPMORIN,
AGENT,
QUEEN'S BUILDINGS.

Hongkong, 23rd November, 1909.

MESSAGERIES CANTONAISES.

HONGKONG-CANTON-KWANGSI RIVER SERVICE.

S.S. "PAUL BEAU" and "CHARLES HARDOUIN"	Capt. Marabal (1900 tons 14 knots)	Capt. Biernaime
DEPARTURE:		
From HONGKONG the Co.'s Wharf near Wing Lok Street	Every Night at 10	excepting Saturdays.
From CANTON (French Concession, Shamian) Every Evening at 5.15	excepting	Sundays.

FARES:—1ST CLASS \$5.00, 2ND CLASS \$2.00.

French Cuisine and Wines of the Best Vintage. Meals, \$1.50.

S.S. "ROBERT LEBAUDY" Capt. Vivier
CANTON-WUCHOW SERVICE—SEE SCHEDULE.

For further information, apply to—

HEAD OFFICE, Canton.

P. A. LAPIQUE & CO., Hongkong (4 Queen's Building, Tel. No. 950)

N.B.—Guides (\$2.00), sedan chairs and bearers (\$1.50) can always be engaged at Canton

By starting at about 8 o'clock in the morning on a visit to the picturesque Chinese City, the tourist will find time to view the shops and other places of interest, returning to Shamian at about 3 p.m.

Hongkong, 19th November, 1909.

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Intimation.

Powell's

Xmas

Bazaar

NOW

OPEN.

POWELL'S

ALEXANDRA

BUILDINGS.

and

28, Queen's Road.

Hongkong, 6th December, 1909.

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned will sell by PUBLIC AUCTION.

TO-MORROW,

the 7th December, 1909, at 2.30 P.M., at his

Sales Rooms, Duddell Street,

A Varied Assortment of GENT'S SUIT LENGTHS, TURKISH TOWELS, BATH TOWELS, SATIN QUILTS, LACE CURTAINS, HAND-EMBROIDERED TOP-SHEETS, BEDSPREADS, PILLOW CASES, DAMASK TABLE CLOTHS, SHEETS, WALKING SKIRTS, WHITE LAWN UNDERSKIRTS, &c., &c.;

ALSO

A few lot of XMAS TOYS, CUTLERY and JEWELLERY.

Catalogues will be issued.

TERMS:—As usual.

G. P. LAMMERT,

Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 3rd December, 1909. [814]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by

PUBLIC AUCTION.

FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED,

on

WEDNESDAY,

the 8th December, 1909, at 2.30 P.M., at their

Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Voeux Road,

corner of Ice House Street,

SUNDRY VALUABLE

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,

Comprising:—

SILK TAPESTRY-COVERED DRAW-
ING ROOM SUITE TEAKWOOD OVER-
MANTELS with BEVELLED GLASS,
BOOKCASES, TEAKWOOD SIDE-
BOARDS and DINNER WAGGONS with
BEVELLED GLASS, WARDROBES with
BEVELLED GLASS, MARBLE-TOP
DRESSING TABLE and WASHSTAND with
BEVELLED GLASS, HATSTAND, Double and Single BRASS-MOUNTED
BEDSTEADS with WIRE and RATTAN
MATTRESSES, CARPETS, GLASS, CROCK-
ERY and E.P. WARE, CANTON CARVED
BLACKWOOD WARE, BRASS and
IRON FENDERS, COOKING STOVE and
UTENSILS;

AND

One COTTAGE PIANO.

Catalogues will be issued.

TERMS:—As usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH,

Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 2nd December, 1909. [812]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by

PUBLIC AUCTION.

FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED,

on

THURSDAY,

the 9th December, 1909, at 11 A.M., at their

Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Voeux Road,

corner of Ice House Street,

A CONSIGNMENT OF

HIGH CLASS ENGLISH JEWELRY,

Comprising:—

DIAMOND RINGS, BRACELETS,
BROOCHES, PINS, GOLD BANGLES,
MARQUISE RINGS, GOLD and SILVER
WATCHES by Benson, SILVER BACK
HAIR BRUSHES, TOILET SETS, JEWEL
CASES, MANICURE SETS, GENT'S PIG-
SKIN DRESSING CASES, FANCY
GOODS, &c., &c.;

ALSO

VALUABLE 18-k. GOLD CHRONO-
METER WATCH by Chas. Frodsham,

London;

AND

A quantity of LOOSE DIAMONDS.

These goods have just arrived from London,
being part of a bankrupt stock, and are not
locally owned. Suitable for Xmas
presents.

Catalogues will be issued.

TERMS:—As usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH,

Auctioneers.

Hongkong 4th December, 1909. [816]

Intimation.

YUEN HING,

No. 4, D'AGUILAR STREET,

FACTORY SWATOW KIA LAK.

MANUFACTURE WHOLESALE & RETAIL

DEALERS

In all kinds of hand-made
DRAWN and EMBROIDERY CHINESE
LINE GRASS CLOTH, PEWTER
WARE, &c.,
all of the best quality.

Hongkong, 5th August, 1909. [813]

FURNITURE WAREHOUSE

LI KWONG LOONG & CO.

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CABINET-MAKERS AND ART DECORATORS,
from Shanghai, has re-opened their
FURNITURE STORE

at

No. 39, DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL,
The only Shop in Hongkong with this name.WHERE HIGH-CLASS FURNITURE
of every description can be made to
order in any design required.Have been patronised by the Honkong
Club, Hongkong Hotel, Telegraph Co.,
Messrs. A. S. Watson & Co., Firms and other
leading Establishments in the Colony, to
whom reference can be made as to the
Superior Workmanship and Materials of the
Furniture, &c., supplied.Messrs. A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd., write as
follows:—"We have pleasure in stating that Mr. LI
KWONG LOONG furnished the Annex
to our Dispensary and gave us every satis-
faction." (Sd) A. S. WATSON & CO.,
5th May, 1909.ORDERS punctually attended to, and
CHARGES most moderate.AN INSPECTION INVITED,
Hongkong, 5th August, 1909.

CHEAP TRIPS TO PEKING.

THE HISTORY OF A POOR MAN'S JAUNT
ACROSS SIBERIA.Think of it! You breakfast in London one
Saturday morning; the following Saturday you
are rumbling to the Irkutsk express over the
marshy prairies of West Siberia; and the week-
end after that you are watching the great,
brassy Mongolian sun set over the temples of
old Peking.The terminus of the great Siberian railway
which makes this possible is at Vladivostok.
The Peking trippers drop away at Harbin, a
day's ride short of that far-away Russian strong-
hold; but if I describe how I came from Vladivostok
to London for £35, I shall include the
main features of a cheap trip from or to Peking;
its fares and distances are about the same, and
passengers from or to both places are in com-
pany for twelve or thirteen of the fourteenThey shovelled their food down with their
knives, except when they rolled on their fingers.
Roughly, my stay in Irkutsk cost me £1.
Then there was a further £1 to pay for sleep-
ing accommodation on the express to Moscow,
an "extra" with which I had not reckoned.

A SKINNING EXTRAVAGANZA OF SNOW.

It was colder—outside that is—when we
started on the second stage of the journey to
the old Russian capital, 1,500 miles across, the
plains, and soon we ran well into the land of
snow—snow such as you can only see on those
vast undriven "tundras"—snow of pliable
blanket. The forests of pine and birch seemed
to represent Nature's last effort against the
onrush of winter. We passed a village on an
average every thirty-five miles or so. Silent
and sleepy places they were, looking in the
distance like some big black sores on the
earth's white bosom. They were all monoton-
ously alike; built mainly of wood from the
forests, the only two respectable buildings
being the station and the church. It mattered
not how dirty and poor the village, there arose
from the dark cluster of buts a clean white
house of worship, with its distinctive green roof.So we rushed across marshes and steppes,
round the hills (the Russian engineers always
dodge hills) and through forests—the forests
which solved the problem of Siberian transport
by providing infinite fuel for the locomotive.
We felt the first ripples of civilisation at
Cheliabinsk, and, once through the wonder-
ful Ural Mountains, knew that we had bid
Siberia good-bye. One's view of Russia
depends on whether you approach the country
from east or west. If from the west, it has a
too attractive prospect, and its civilisation does
not smite you as being particularly desirable;
but when it is from the dismal regions beyond
the Volga that you come, it is a land of joy and
enlightenment by comparison.THE SPLENDOURS OF SUNRISE
OVER MOSCOW.Eleven days out from Vladivostok, not
reckoning the stay at Irkutsk, the oil-engine
which had met us at Toulou dragged our weary
train into Moscow. It was sunrise, and to know
the beauties of Moscow you must enter the city
from the east, when the morning sun rushes to
the gilded cupolas and crosses of its 1,600
churches! Ah! that was a sight of splendour
never to be forgotten!I shall hasten over well-known routes to
London now. I spent £1 in Moscow, covering
hotel, and sight-seeing expenses. Another
£6 saw me through to London, and as I stepped
into the glare of the Metropolis from Liverpool-street Station I took measure of my personal
budget, and found that I could indulge
in the luxury of a "taxi" to the home of my
parents, and still jingle two golden sovereigns
in my pocket.—Gordon Marel in *Pall Mall Gazette*.The second bell struck our ears. The pompous
"a la impératrice" struck to the engine, and
handed the driver his staff of office, without
which authority no Russian engineer dare open
the throttle; then we stole away towards the
Manchurian mountains, on the first stage of the
journey to Irkutsk, 2,778 versts away, where we
were due to arrive on the fourth day.There were about fifty passengers, and as
long as the daylight lasted we spent the time
watching the floating panorama through the
corridor windows. When night fell, perhaps
we, drunk tea in *la Russie* in the dining-car, or
played chess, or again stood in the corridor
and watched the moon-light play on mountain
and valley, listening the while, may be, to the
gallant subalterns of Siberian infantry playing
his plaintive *blatka*, and chasing the melody
of some stupid little Caucasian love ditty sung
by his chum, a vivacious and pretty dancing
girl, bound for St. Petersburg after a season on
the Vladivostok halls.At Manchuria, as the frontier station is called
the baggage was examined, and then, one cold
and frosty midnight we entered the 6,500,000
square miles of land, with their 16,000,000 in-
habitants—Siberia.

THE MAN WHO WANTED A BATH.

Now, the astonishing feature so far was the
oppressive heat inside the train. Outside,
Siberia justified its frigid reputation, and it was
cold enough to stick icicles to our mammoth
engine. Inside, it was hot enough to make
any true Christian sigh for a bath. This
tropical atmosphere was not surprising on
investigation for one found that there were
double windows everywhere, practically no
ventilators, and a vigorous heating apparatus
doing overtime. The steward seemed pain-
ed when I inquired as to the possibilities of a
bath, and, from that moment, I could see that
I was shadowed as a sort of suspect—"the man
who wanted a bath!" I spoke to the two other
Englishmen on the train, and together we went
in search of the elusive bathroom. We dis-
covered it in hopeless disuse, the bath itself
being packed, I believe, with luggage. But we
were not to be denied, and, one morning, be-
fore the other passengers were astir, we storm-
ed the ordinary lavatory, and never, I am sure,
felt more virtuous than after our "plunge" in
what was little more than a washstand.After skirting the mysterious waters of Lake
Baikal, we bumped into Irkutsk. It is a cold,
cheerless city on the banks of the Angara;
dates back to 1634; has a population of about
70,000; and is chiefly known to English people
by reason of occasional newspaper mention
when the convicts there hold their annual
revolt—I spent a few days in the city—and was
glad to get away. A bed at anything but a
first-rate hotel costs about four shillings a night.
The prevailing note at Irkutsk seemed to be
shabby finery in people, streets, and buildings.
It was a city in a silk hat and hobnailed boots.There was a gorgeous cathedral, but not a road
worthy the name; an opera house that might have
adorned the boulevards, but a wooden bridge
the Zulus would drown; electric light and a
ladies' band, but not a decent dish at the
hotels. One came across aggressive Siberian
millionaires driving in fine droshchikies behind
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Hongkong, 20th November, 1909. [815]

Intimations

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dressed to the Registrar-General, are
invited for the post of CHINESE TRANS-
ATOR in the Supreme Court. The Salary
of the Post is \$1,600 a year rising to \$1,840.
F. H. MAY,
Colonial Secretary,
(30th November, 1909.) [806]

HARBOUR MASTER'S DEPARTMENT.

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The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, MONDAY, DECEMBER 6, 1900.

THE OFFICIAL CATS OF TOGO.

Much abused Hongkong occasionally comes in for a need of flattery in its imitation which is the sincerest form of manifesting its praise. According to a Reuter despatch from Berlin of 3rd November, the Government of the German colony of Togo has issued a decree ordering that in public buildings in the colony, where natives congregate, such as schools, hospitals or prisons, cats are to be kept officially. The explanation of this order is contained in the decree of the Governor of the colony dealing with the danger of the introduction of plague into Togo from the British Gold Coast. The Governor says that the renowned bacteriologist, Dr. Koch, had reported the successful experiments made with cats for the eradication of rats in plague-infested and plague-menaced harbours of China. In Hongkong orders had already been issued providing for the maintenance of one cat in every house, and three cats in larger houses. An investigation made by the German Government at Lome (Togo) showed that there were rat-eating cats there, and that rats were not generally to be found in the houses where cats were kept. It is therefore officially advised that the number of cats in the coastal towns primarily exposed to the plague danger and in Ho-kiandu and Palme should be increased. Besides appointing official cats to the public buildings in the colony, the Governor recommends all Europeans and natives to adopt this precaution against plague.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE Empress Dowager, it is reported, desires to contribute \$10,000 to the Navy Fund.

THE Prince Regent has approved the Opium Prohibition Laws submitted by the Government.

Mr. S. Akiduki, Japanese Minister to Belgium, has been appointed Ambassador to Austria-Hungary.

The Germans have asked for permission to construct docks on the coast of Shantung, but the Waiwu has refused the application.

H.E. GENERAL Sir Joachim Machado and Capt. J. M. R. Norton returned from a visit to Canton this afternoon. They travelled by the Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Co. s.s. *Honam*.

THE Chinese Engineering and Mining Co., Ltd. kindly informs us that the total output of the Company's three mines for the week ending November 20 amounted to 24,813.72 tons and the sales during the period to 16,885.50 tons.

Mr. J. T. Pratt, the British Mixed Court Assessor and one of the members of the Shanghai Inter-Club Cricket Team, returned to Shanghai on Monday, 19th ult., by the P. & O. S. *Himalaya*. Mr. Pratt had to be carried ashore as he was suffering from, pneumonia and rheumatism. He fielded for Shanghai in the first innings of the match with Hongkong, but afterwards, by the courtesy of the Hongkong captain, Mr. D. Brand, was allowed to come into the team as substitute.

A WELL-dressed Chinaman named Mok Man Sik appeared before Mr. J. R. Wood at the Magistracy this afternoon on a charge of the alleged larceny of a diamond ring valued at \$600 from a woman named Tam Kum. The evidence adduced went to show that on the 9th September last, defendant was handed the ring for which he said he would find a purchaser. Later on, defendant informed the woman that he had pawned the ring and handed her the pawn-ticket. Mr. M. R. Harris prosecuted and Mr. P. W. Goldring defended. The case was remanded.

THE H.A.L.S. *Briaravia*, which went ashore on the Triplets on Saturday morning, 27th ult., has not yet been refloated. Several tow boats have been in attendance and have attempted to draw her into deep water; but without success; and on Sunday the German cruiser *Scharnhorst* went out to stand by and render assistance. The whole of the *Briaravia*'s cargo has already been discharged, but as the tides are fallen it is feared that further attempts to move her will have to be abandoned for some eleven days until the tides are higher. Given fine weather during this time, the *Briaravia* might ultimately be saved.

A TWO-DAYS' sale of rare postage stamps has been concluded at the Arbitration Room, when the following price was paid:—French Colonies, Pakhoi, October, 1896, the most set complete, c. 10/- to 10/- (these stamps being the originals, not the re-issue of 1903), £1 15s. The attendance was good at the Argyll Galleries on 2nd inst. when Messrs. Gledhill and Gledhill disposed of a number of scarce unused postage stamps, in mint state, formed by a well-known American collector. A History of Postal Stamps of Imperial Japan, 1896, fetched £8. The postage stamps included China, Hoi Hao 1903, 15c. blue on quadrille paper, mint and scarce, £1 13s., and Hongkong, 10c. on 18c. lilac, mint and very scarce, £2 2s.

TROUBLE BETWEEN MONEY-
CHANGERS.

STRANGE STORY OF A SICO BILL.

A remarkable tale was unfolded before Mr. E. Hall fax (First Police Magistrate), in the Police Court this morning, when Abraham Elias, a money-changer, was charged by C. J. Merchant, another money-changer, with the alleged snatching of a \$100 bill from the complainant on Saturday last. Mr. L. d'Almeida appeared for the defendant and Mr. E. Da idson was for the complainant.

The complainant caused a mild sensation in the Court-room from the time he entered the witness-box until he was ordered to stand out. His evidence was a chain of incoherent remarks. He made statements, contradicted himself again and again and continually twisted about his remarks in a most marvellous manner.

From what could be gathered from his story, it appears that shortly after seven o'clock on Saturday last, he went to the King Edward Hotel with about \$100 on his person, consisting of Hongkong currency. There he changed some money for a Captain Winder and was handed by the cashier of the hotel a \$100 Straits note on production of a chit. Shortly afterwards, the defendant came to him and asked "What about that agreement?" Witness replied that he had prepared the agreement but did not have it on his person at the time. Then he was asked what business he had transacted that day and was warned to be careful of the notes, as some of them bore false numbers. He produced a \$100 note, which defendant at once snatched, placed in his pocket, buttoned his coat, folded his arms and sat down. Then he asked "What about my little account?" Complainant said "Give me my notes. I don't owe you so much." Defendant replied "Come to my home, I'll settle the account there." Complainant again demanded his note, which defendant persisted in retaining. Complainant sent for the manager, who requested him to settle the matter outside his hotel and shortly afterwards, defendant was handed into the custody of the Police.

At this point, Mr. Almeida withdrew from the case and later on, his Worship dismissed the case.

COURTLY TO A MULE.

ANIMAL'S TONGUE WAS PULLED OFF ITS HEAD.

The story of cruelty to a mule was related before Mr. E. R. Hall fax (First Magistrate) in the Police Court this afternoon. The defendant was an Indian dr. attached to the Army Service Corps, at whose instance the serious charge of unlawfully mutilating a mule was preferred against the defendant. The Crown Solicitor conducted the prosecution, the prisoner being undefended. The Crown Solicitor gave a graphic description of the cruelty, from which it appeared, that on the 27th November last, certain mules belonging to the Army Service Corps were being sent over to the Camp at Custom's Pass, among which were three mules in charge of a man named Sunda Singh and the defendant. When the animals arrived at the Camp at Custom's Pass, one of them was found injured, Sunda Singh was questioned about the matter and said that the animal was left in charge of the defendant, who said that it had a fall but did not give any proper explanation of what had happened. He was later questioned by a corporal, to whom the defendant said: "I caught the mule's tongue to keep him from running away. I held on to the mule, who got injured." When the mule was examined, it was found that it had sustained a frightful tear in the tongue just near the root. The injury was found to be so bad that it was impossible to save the animal's life and it had to be shot. The Crown Solicitor at this point explained that as the defendant was not on the strength of the Corps, he could not be court-martialled, and was therefore sent before his Worship. He submitted that the defendant had no right to stop the mule by holding on to his tongue. The proper way was to hold it by his snaffle or bridle but he had no right to hold him in any way by his tongue. There were no eye-witnesses to testify to what had taken place. All they knew was that the mule was left in defendant's charge and was afterwards found in the condition already stated. The prosecution did not wish to unduly press the charge against the defendant, but at the same time, it did not want the case to go to the Supreme Court but that it should be dealt with summarily by his Worship. The Crown Solicitor asked his Worship to take such a view of the case as to prevent other drivers from committing a similar offence in future. The mule had cost £10, so that its death was a substantial loss to the Army.

Evidence was called and defendant was awarded four months' hard labour.

HONGKONG VOLUNTEER CORPS.

GOVERNOR'S CUP COMPETITION.

A large number of Volunteers paraded at the Polo Ground, (Causeway Bay) on Saturday afternoon at 2 p.m. for the Governor's Cup. The competition took place at the Tai Ping Range. The afternoon was a good one for shooting, and some excellent firing was seen. The prize went to Corporal Sorby, who carried the honour with 25 points.

PETROLEUM IN SINGAPORE.

A FEW DETAILS OF THE NEW DUTY.

As will be seen from our report of the proceedings of the Legislative Council, held yesterday afternoon, a new bill imposing a tax on petroleum throughout the colony was introduced by Government, taken through all its stages at the no sitting, and passed into law, says the *Star* of Singapore, 27th ult. In the words of His Excellency the Governor, this method of raising revenue was received by the unofficial members of council "if not with acceptance, at any rate with acquiescence." The net result of the bill is that the consumer of inflammable oil will have to pay more for the commodity, and it is estimated that the tax of five cents per gallon will add to the revenue of the colony an annual sum of \$30,000, or more.

The bill is printed in a Government Gazette Extraordinary published last night. It is styled "An ordinance to make provision for the imposition and collection of a duty on petroleum and other inflammable oils, and liquids." The products taxable are what are generally known as the mineral oils, but they do not include any liquid or substance which has a flashing point higher than 100 degrees Fahrenheit.

All petroleum taken out of a vessel, or which has been imported will, unless intended for transhipment only, be taken to what is termed a dutiable petroleum store, licensed for the purpose, and when removed from the store, otherwise than for export, it must pay duty of five cents per gallon. There are eight gallons of kerosene oil in one case. The tax per case will therefore be 40 cents.

By rules which the Governor-in-Council is empowered to make, a fine may be imposed for breach of such rules not exceeding \$1,000 for each offence, and an additional \$50 for each day on which the offence continues.

With regard to the liability of existing stocks:—A 1 petroleum which may at the commencement of this ordinance be stored in any licensed store shall be liable to the duty imposed by this ordinance and the provisions of this ordinance with regard to liability to and payment of duty and removal from dutiable petroleum stores shall apply to all such petroleum and to the licensees of all licensed stores.

An inquiry at several shops, this morning, the price of oil was quoted unchanged and in some cases the shopkeepers had no knowledge of the tax. Those who had heard of it, however, were busily engaged in prosecuting inquiries and meanwhile, though willing to sell a small quantity, they would not dispose of any considerable number of cases at the old figure of three dollars. Before the day is out, the tax will have become a matter of common knowledge amongst the dealers and the price will have risen accordingly.

DESTRUCTIVE CANTON FIRE.

EXTENSIVE DAMAGE.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

Canton, 5th December.

It is very unfortunate that in the city of Canton nearly two hundred buildings were destroyed by fire during the last few days involving losses to the extent of at least a million dollars worth of property. Night before last fifty-seven buildings were destroyed in Shu Shu Kai Street instead of forty as at first reported. Last night two more extensive conflagrations broke out in the city one at the Western suburb at 7 p.m. and the other at Yau Lan Moon in the Southern suburb at 3 a.m. In the first case fifteen buildings were completely gutted and in the second, which is the most destructive fire recorded here this year, seventy buildings in neighbouring streets were destroyed. This fire broke out in a shop which is situated by the side of the new city wall. The flames leaped high over the wall and thus involved a large area on both sides of the city. The fire continued to burn fiercely for several hours from 3 a.m. till dawn. Within the fire zone there was present a large number of fire brigades with several thousand fire-fighters who arrived from all parts of the city to render assistance.

CO-OPERATIVE INSURANCE COMPANIES.

Within recent years the merchants in this city formed co-operative insurance companies of which, each merchant, upon enrolling his name as a member promised to take up a certain proportion of the capital thereby effecting insurance on his properties. In case one member of the company suffered loss by fire, all the other members have to make good his loss in proportion to the amount to be underwritten. Most of the merchants here are in favour of this system of insurance and joined the co-operative companies instead of insuring their properties with foreign insurance companies.

THE CANTON-HANKOW RAILWAY.

Waiting under date Shiu-chow, 17th ult., the N.C.D. News correspondent says:—On returning to this place from Canton, your correspondent once more traversed the portion of the line now in running order. The last time I travelled over it, there was a long six miles journey from the North River to the terminus at Yontam, which took some four hours in an hollow boat caused me to miss my train and let me in for an unexpected night in a Chinese inn. This time the train brought us to Pakongku, within a mile of the North River, just above the famous Fa-lai-za gorge, in which the 'flying down from heaven' monastery stands. Since then, however, a spate in the river which caused the waters to rise ten feet—most an uncommon occurrence in October—has washed up one of the temporary bridges and again the terminus is Yontam. The length of line now working is, therefore, the same as it was in January, i.e. forty-four miles. This bare fact, by itself, might create the impression that little work was being done, but this is the reverse of what is happening. The work of construction is proceeding rapidly over most of the next sixty miles. Once the viaducts are made, little more remains to be done to complete the line to Taimio some fifteen miles above this, where the first big tunnel has been cut through for some time.

Just beyond Taimio there are five miles of which the Company has so far failed to obtain possession. Another section of a few miles near Yingtak is also causing some anxiety. The Yingtak District Magistrate has been invoked to settle affairs, but so far in vain. The fact that such prolonged opposition is impossible would seem to show that the powers that be in Canton are not altogether in line with the promoters, or much concerned to help them.

What promised to be a difficult and tedious business, viz., that of cutting the five miles through the Blind Boy's Pass (Norb of the mouth of the Liuchow River) has been done with great celerity. I fear that some of the contractors, among whom are a few, a Greek, have made a little pile over it. The limestone rock proved to be extremely soft and rapid progress was made. A tunnel is being cut through what is known as the "flying eagle," and we are hoping that the blasting operations will not destroy one of the prettiest contours among the many fine rock formations of which the North River boasts.

Mr. Randolph, the divisional engineer between here and Yingtak, is responsible for a change in the route originally laid down, instead of following the river past Pakio, the line will run direct near Wapa, thus reducing the mileage by six miles. This saving, however, is obtained at the cost of a very stiff rise; and opinion is divided as to whether the saving in the cost of construction may not ultimately be more than paid out for extra haulage expenses. The chief engineer, Mr. Wong, has approved the shorter route.

The English surveyor is building a house to the North of Shiu-chow, from which he will superintend the building of the bridge over the Nan-shang river. I hear that we may not expect the line completed to Shiu-chow in five years yet, but we shall see.

The survey is now complete to the borders of Hunan, and Mr. Williams, who has done the major part of the survey, is here now a week ago to begin the work of construction from Lekhong. It was thought that the line might follow the post road, via the village of Kiusong, but as this route gives a rise of 3,000 feet in ten miles, it was out of the question. Nothing remained but to follow the river to Pixie in the direction of Ichang. I have never been over this route, but it will be the steepest piece of work in the Kiangtung Province, if not in the whole route to Hankow. The river runs down some huge rapids, and although the proposed route will be of necessity a difficult one, the traveller will be taken through some magnificent scenery.

TYphoon Warnings.

The following telegrams were received from the Manila Observatory at the American Consulate General:—

December 5th, 11.30 a.m.

December 5th, 10.45 a.m. Cyclone or typhoon

Pacific Ocean about half-way between Carolines and Philippines almost stationary.

December 6th, 9.45 a.m.

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N.W. of Yap, moving N.E. or E.N.E.

through some magnificence.

JAPAN has consented to the principle of the American proposal to hold an international conference on the subject of pelagic sealing, but it is reported that Canada is not enthusiastic in regard to the matter.

It may be added that P. C. Jones, who is a recruit for the Police, has been posted to the new training depot at Gordon Road, saying

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P. C. Jones has been recommended for the Royal Humane Society's Medal and has also received from the passengers a testimonial expressing high approbation of his gallant conduct.

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THE MACAO BOUNDARY.

AGITATION IN SHANGHAI.

The Cantonese in Shanghai met in the Canton Guild on Sunday to consider the Macao Boundary question, there being a large number of persons present, reports the *Shanghai Times* of 30th ult. Messrs. Wong and Pao first addressed the meeting, and said that the Macao matter could not be left where it was at present, or there would be trouble in the future. There were over 100,000 Cantonese here and they should all join in protecting their native province against encroachments. Then Mr. Fung rose and spoke on behalf of the Committee, to the effect that the Guild had already discussed the boundary question several times and despatched telegram to Peking and Canton on the subject. In fact they had long before realised that this was a matter which not only affected Kwangtung but the whole Empire, and had given all the assistance they could to the authorities. He hoped that everyone would do his duty as a citizen of China to help the Government to bring the matter to a satisfactory and favourable settlement.

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TUESDAY, FEB. 15TH.	FRIDAY, MARCH 25TH.
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SHARE QUOTATIONS

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ST CKS.	NO. OF SHARES	VALUE	PAID UP.	POSITION AS PER LAST REPORT	LAST DIVIDEND.	APPROXIMATE RETURN AT PRESENT QUOTATION BASED ON LAST YEAR'S DIV.	CLOSING QUOTATIONS
				RESERVE.	AT WORKING ACCOUNT		
BANKS.							
Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation	120,000	\$135	\$45	{ \$6,500,000 \$15,000,000 \$20,000,000	\$2,000,810	Interim of £2 for account 1909 @ ex 1/9; = \$2,172	4 % \$995 buyers London 5/91
National Bank of China, Limited	99,925	7	40	{ \$4,000 \$8,000	\$30,554	\$2 (London 3/6) for 1903	... 565 buyers
Canton Insurance Office, Limited	10,000	\$250	\$50	{ \$1,500,000 \$354,181 \$903,791 \$185,000	none	50 for 1908	7 % \$160 sellers
North China Insurance Company, Limited	10,000	£15	£5	{ Tls. 150,000 Tls. 309,747 Tls. 118,277	Tls. 160,512	Interim of 7/6 for 1908	31 % Tls. 120 buyers
Union Insurance Society of Canton	12,400	\$150	\$100	{ \$3,000,000 \$1,141,45 \$15,249 \$602,600	\$2,464,901	Final of \$17 making \$47 for 1907 and Interim of \$30 for 1908	58 % \$185 buyers
Yangtze Insurance Association, Limited	12,000	\$100	\$10	{ \$1,000,000 \$204,405 \$199,264	\$7,737	\$12 and bonus \$3 for 1907	7 % \$220 buyers
FIRE							
China Fire Insurance Company	70,000	\$100	\$10	{ \$1,000,000 \$456,668 \$139,802	\$375,341	\$6 and bonus \$2 for 1907	7 % \$114 buyers
Hongkong Fire Insurance Company, Limited	8,000	\$150	\$50	{ \$1,43,173	\$168,711	\$27 for 1907	71 % \$175 sellers
SHIPPING.							
Chios and Manila Steamship Company, Limited	30,000	\$25	\$15	{ \$7,000 \$9,000 \$10,000 \$11,000	\$1,081	\$1 for 1906	58 sellers \$33
Douglas Steamship Company, Limited	20,000	\$50	\$50	{ \$1,000 \$1,141,45 \$15,249	Nil	14 for year ending 30.6.1908	... 69/6 buyers
Hongkong, Canton & Macao Steamboat Co., Ltd.	80,000	\$15	\$15	{ \$21,750 \$21,207	\$21,750	Interim of \$12 for account 1909	78 % \$300 ss. and b.
Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd. (Preferred)	60,000	\$5	£5	{ \$2,645 \$1,141,45 \$15,249	\$13,755	6/- for 1907 on Preference shares only @ ex 1/9 11/16—\$3, 154	560 buyers
"Shell" Transport and Trading Company, Limited	2,000,000	£1	£1	{ \$780,000 \$2,000,000	\$68,817	Final of 2/- for 1908 and interim of 1/- for a/c 1909	69/6 buyers
"Star" Ferry Company, Limited	10,000	\$10	\$10	{ \$5,000 \$4,78	\$8,121	\$200 for year ending 10.4. 1909	4 % \$26 sales \$141
REFINERIES.							
China Sugar Refining Company, Limited	20,000	\$100	\$100	{ \$150,000 \$16,848	Dr. \$1,38	\$5 for year ending 31.12.08	38 % \$159
Luzon Sugar Refining Company, Limited	7,000	£1	£100	{ none	Dr. \$1,36,80	\$3 for 1897	22/4 sales
Perak Sugar Cultivation Company, Limited	7,000	Tls. 5	Tls. 50	{ Tls. 100,000	Tls. 6,02	Tls. 10 for year ending 31.12.09	... 350 ss. and b.
MINING.							
Chilean Engineering and Mining Company, Ltd.	1,050,000	£1	£1	{ \$175,000 \$174,856	£743	Final of 1/6 making 3/- for 1909	7 % Tls. 19.30 sales
Raub Australian Gold Mining Company, Limited	150,000	£1	18/10	{ \$1,141,45	Dr. £2,191	No. 12 of £1—48 cents	7/8 sellers
DOCKS, WHARVES & GODOWNS.							
Fenwick (Geo.) & Co., Limited	18,000	\$25	\$15	{ \$18,976	Dr. \$7,421	\$1.75 for year ending 31.12.06	51 % \$12
Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd.	60,000	\$55	\$50	{ \$50,000 \$16,866	Dr. \$2,421	None	562 sellers
Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company, Ltd.	50,000	£5	£50	{ \$10,000 \$88,441	\$34,102	Interim of \$12 for account 1909	550 buyers
Shanghai Dock and Engineering Co., Ltd.	55,700	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	{ \$12,000 Tls. 1,00,000	\$345,462	Final of Tls. 2/- for year ending 30.4.09	61 % Tls. 75 buyers
Shanghai and Hongkew Wharf Company, Limited	36,000	Tls. 10	Tls. 100	{ Tls. 69,257 Tls. 50,00 Tls. 125,00	Tls. 6,61	Final of Tls. 6 making Tls. 10 for 1908	7 % Tls. 12 buyers
LANDS, HOTELS & BUILDINGS.							
Anglo-French Land Investment Co., Ltd.	25,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	{ Tls. 25,000 \$15	Tls. 4,734	Tls. 6 for year ending 29.2.09	51 % Tls. 105 buyers
Central Stores, Limited	50,123	£1	£1	{ \$2,000 \$50	\$24,041	\$1.20 on old and 60 cents on first new issue	517 sellers
Hongkong Hotel Company, Limited	12,000	£5	£5	{ \$64,973 \$14,08	\$19,273	{ Interim of \$2.40 on old and 40 cents on new shares for account 1909	575 sales
Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd.	50,000	£1	£1	{ \$1,000 \$12,000	\$16,475	Interim of 3/- for account 1909	543 ss. new b.
Humphreys Estate & Finance Company, Limited	150,000	£1	£1	{ \$12,000 \$122,172	\$16,486	60 cents for 1908	59 sellers
Kowloon Land and Building Company, Limited	6,000	£50	£50	{ none	\$278	\$12 for 1908	590 sellers
Shanghai Land Investment Company, Limited	78,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	{ Tls. 1,538,045 Tls. 300,000 none	Tls. 142,404	Interim of Tls. 3 for account 1909	68 % Tls. 120 sales
West Point Building Company, Limited	12,500	£50	£50	{ none	\$1,968	Interim of \$2 for account 1909	81 % \$44 buyers
COTTON MILLS.							
Two Cotton Spinning and Weaving Company, Ltd.	15,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 5	{ Tls. 3,100 Tls. 40,098	Tls. 23,991	Tls. 11 for year ending 31.12.09	31 % Tls. 120 buyers
Hongkong Cotton Spinning, Weaving and Dyeing Company, Limited	25,000	£10	£1	{ Tls. 30,000 \$1	36,558	50 cents for year ending 31.7.08	56 buyers
International Cotton Manufacturing Company, Ltd.	10,000	Tls. 75	Tls. 75	{ Tls. 175,000 none	Tls. 8,372	Tls. 7 for year ending 30.9.06	... Tls. 77 ss. ex div.
Laou-kung-mow Cotton Spinning & Weaving Co., Ltd.	8,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 10	{ Tls. 100,000 Tls. 50	Tls. 8,829	Tls. 4 for 1908	Tls. 106
Sey Chee Cotton Spinning Company, Limited	2,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	{ Tls. 27,172	Tls. 15,012	Tls. 5 for 1906	Tls. 450
MISCELLANEOUS.							
Bell's Asbestos Eastern Agency, Limited	8,604	£1/6	12/6	{ £1,500 \$1,200	£648	15 % per share for 1908	\$10
China-Borneo Company, Limited	60,000	£12	£12	{ \$1,000 \$40,000	Nil	£2.20 for 1908	£12 ss. sales
China Light and Power Company, Limited	50,000	£0	£0	{ \$1,000 \$1	\$61,138	50 cents for year ending 28.2.06	\$6 buyers
China Provident Loan & Mortgage Company, Ltd.	125,000	£10	£10	{ \$100,000 \$1	\$14,07	80 cents for 1908	51/2 ss. sales
Dairy Farm Company, Limited	40,000	£7/8	£6	{ \$1,000 \$1,000	\$1,891	\$1.0 for year ending 31.7.09	51/2 ss. sellers
Green Island Cement Company, Limited	400,000	£10	£10	{ \$13,000 \$10,000	\$1,756	Interim of 35 cents for account 1909	51/2 ss. sales
H. Price & Company, Limited	12,000	£10	£10	{ \$1,000 \$1,000	\$670	8 cents for year ending 31.12.08	51/2 ss. sales
Hongkong Electric Company, Limited	60,000	£10	£1	{ none	\$1,015	\$1 a d bonus 20 cts. for year ending 29.2.06	510 sellers
Hongkong Ice Company, Limited	5,000	£25	£15	{ none	\$7616	Interim of \$2 for account 1909	518 sellers
Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company, Ltd.	60,000	£10	£10	{ \$20,000 \$10,000	\$7,670	Interim of \$2 for account 1909	518 sellers
Maatschappij tot Mijo, Bosch- en Landbouwspoor te Lingkut, Limited	25,000	£100	£100	{ Tls. 547,500 \$1,924	Tls. 316,632	Third of quarterly of Tls. 141 for account 1909	518 ss. sales
Peak Tramways Company, Limited	25,000	£10	£10	{ \$20,000 \$10,000	\$1,204	82 cents on fully paid shares and 8 cents on \$1 paid shares for year ending 30.4.09	513 ss. sales
Peak Tramways Company (new)	50,000	£10	£10	{ none	Pa. 18,640	None	514 ss. buyers
Philippine Company, Limited	75,000	£10	£10	{ none	none	Final Tls. 5 making Tls. 8 for 1908	515 ss. buyers
Shanghai-Sumatra Tobacco Company, Limited	30,000	Tls. 20	Tls. 20	{ Tls. 14,810 Tls. 7,000	Tls. 5,350	Final Tls. 5 making Tls. 8 for 1908	516 ss. buyers
South China Morning Post, Limited	6,000	£15	£15	{ none	none	None	517 ss. buyers
Steam Laundry Company, Limited	20,000	£25	£25	{ none	Dr. \$56,602	40 cents for year ending 31.5.09	518 ss. buyers
Union Waterboat Company, Limited	50,000	£10	£10	{ none	\$61	60 cents for year ending 31.12.05	519 ss. sales
United Asbestos Oriental Agency, Limited	10,000	£10	£10	{ none	\$1,924	60 cents per ord. share for year ending 31.5.09	520 ss. buyers
Watson (A.S.) & Co., Limited	90,000	£11	£1	{ \$100,000 \$5,000	\$3,422	Final of 30 cents for 1908	521 ss. sellers
William Powell, Limited	15,000	£7	£7	{ none	\$782	Final of 30 cts. making 80 cts. for the year ended 30th June, 1906	522 ss. sellers
RUBBER.							
Anglo-Malay Rubber Company, Limited (fully paid)	1,500,000	2/-	2/-	{ none	none	Interim of 12% for account 1909	523 ss. sellers
Balgowrie Rubber Estate, Limited	20,000	£1	£1	{ none	none	20% interim for 1909	524 ss. buyers
Castlefield Rubber Estate, Limited	32,650	£1	£1	{ none	none	2/6 for 1909	525 ss. buyers
Damansara (Selangor) Rubber Co.	170,000	£1	£1	{ none	none	None	526 ss. sellers
Golconda Malay Rubber Co.	8,000	£1	£1	{ none	none	None	527 ss. buyers
HIGHLAND & LOWLAND Para. Rubber Co. (fully paid)	181,454	£1	£1	{ none	none</td		